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On July 13 Colombo Plan Secretariat Finance Officer T.J. Arifeen confirmed that the money, USD 181,459 and Baht 31,450, seized from Colombo Plan Secretary General Kittipan Kanjanapitakul in December 2006 (ref B) was returned to him and has been deposited into the Colombo Plan Secretariat's bank account. The Embassy was copied on a June 29 letter from the Finance Ministry to the Department of Customs directing that the money should be returned. Sri Lanka Customs took the money, USD 140,000 of which was INL money slated to fund a drug advisory program, from Kittipan as he tried to board a plane for Thailand with the undeclared currency in his suitcase. Kittipan's term as Secretary General ends in early August 2007.
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